Greater Hartford Gives Foundation
Request for Proposals
November 2, 2026

Greater Hartford Gives Foundation is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity designed to provide summer campership, enrichment opportunities, and Counselor-in-Training programming to Hartford youth and/or people of all ages with disabilities in our **29-town region**. The Foundation welcomes requests of up to $50,000 for activities implemented during the summer of 2027 and expects to award up to $750,000 in total across all grantees.

UPDATE: The 2027 Summer Program application process has changed to invitation only. Organizations that received a Summer Program grant in any of the 2023-2026 summer seasons will be automatically invited to apply for a grant through the 2027 Summer Program Request for Proposals. This invitation does *NOT* guarantee that applicants will receive funding, nor that their full funding request will be met.

New or previously denied applicants interested in applying will need to schedule an eligibility interview with Foundation staff by December 16th to determine the summer program's eligibility and alignment to the goals of the Summer Program grant opportunity. Please refer to the **summer rubric** as well as the **interview questions** to help prepare for the conversation and self-assess the program's likelihood of alignment. Given funding limitations and a high demand for summer program grants, Foundation staff anticipate that only a small number of additional organizations will be invited to apply.

Organizations interested in an eligibility interview must contact Senior Community Impact Associate, Tiana Starks, tstarks@greaterhartfordgives.org, or Community Impact Officer, Alexis Safo-Agyeman asafo-agyeman@greaterhartfordgives.org to discuss a project's potential fit and eligibility.

Applicants are requested to complete the online grant application by end of day, **Tuesday, January 13, 2027**. Grants will be announced in **April 2027**.

I. Background:

The Foundation's goals in supporting summer programming are to 1) provide children in Hartford, as well as people of all ages with disabilities across the region, with a place to go during the traditional workday in support of working families while school is out of session, and 2) provide Hartford youth with career exposure through counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

II. Proposal Requirements:

Grants will be considered for summer programs that can contribute to one or both Greater Hartford Gives Foundation's goals as outlined above. **Organizations currently receiving a core support grant through the Hartford Foundation are ineligible to apply.** If you are unsure whether you are

a core support recipient, please reach out to your existing grant community impact officer to confirm prior to submitting an application. Applicants should demonstrate cultural humility. Preference will be given to organizations that are Black or Latine led.

Population of Focus: Programming must serve either Hartford youth or people of all ages with disabilities in the Foundation's **29 town region**.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must meet the Foundation basic grantee criteria. Non-501c3 community-based groups may apply using a fiscal sponsor. Applicants must also have at least one summer experience running a summer program or the equivalent of at least one year's experience working with children in Hartford or with people (of any age) with a disability. All 2026 Summer grantees must complete the final report to be eligible for the 2027 Summer RFP.

Eligible Types of Programs: Eligible types of programs include summer camperships, enrichment opportunities (programs that host campers form other agencies rather than hosting their own campers), tutorial experiences, or counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

Programs should be hosted during the **traditional workday to support working families** and should **provide transportation where appropriate** (e.g., when the program site is not located in the community to be served).

Expected Measurement of Outcomes:
Funded proposals will be asked to track and report on the following measurements: 1) the number participating in overall programming, 2) the number of Hartford children participating in programming, 3) if applicable, the number of individuals with disabilities participating in programming, 4) the number of Hartford participants from low-income families, if/as identified during intake process to determine reduced-fee or free enrollment, and 5) if applicable, the number of CITs with a summary of activities geared toward career exposure.

Foundation staff will utilize a rubric to aid in the review and evaluation of submitted applications. To view the rubric, please **click here.** To visit our website, please **click here.**

Eligibility and other program related questions can be directed to Alexis Safo-Agyeman at asafo-agyeman@greaterhartfordgives.org. Any technical questions regarding completing the online application should be directed to Grants Administration at GrantsAdministration@greaterhartfordgives.org

Applicants should complete all required questions of the online application by the deadline in order to be deemed eligible for funding consideration. Each organization is invited to submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **11:59pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2027.**

III. Key Dates:

Summer programs RFP release: November 2, 2026
Eligibility interview request deadline: December 16, 2026
Application deadline: January 13, 2027, at 11:59pm
Award announcement: April 2027